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Israel

Prime Minister Menahem Begin declared in his speech to open the Knesset winter session that there is no foreseeable danger of war between Israel and its neighbors. Instead, he said in the speech carried by Jerusalem radio, there will be a long period of peace in the Middle East. Begin asserted that Israel's peace treaty with Egypt stood the test during the war in Lebanon; that Jordan has no intention of attacking Israel; and that Syria will not attack because it has seen the results of fighting with the IDF in Lebanon. With this in mind, Begin queried why anyone would create new conditions for the area inviting war. He stressed that countries involved, especially the United States, should abide by the Camp David accords and not try to change the agreements now. Reiterating Israel's call for a resumption of the autonomy talks, Begin added that Jordan's King Husayn is invited to attend the negotiations. Begin emphasized that full autonomy is the answer to the Arab problem in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza.

Earlier in the speech, Begin attacked those in Israel who want to adapt the cause of Eretz Yisra'el to new conditions, saying they are practicing "false realism." He underscored that anyone supporting the "foolish proposal" of annexing Judaea, Samaria and Gaza to Jordan would in fact be helping to establish a PLO-led state. Begin detailed how the establishment of such a state would present a grave threat to Israel, if only by a constant war of attrition. Meanwhile he contended that the Peace for Galilee Operation fully achieved its objective of securing the settlements in Galilee and he reiterated the demand that the "terrorists" remaining in Lebanon under Syrian aegis must be evacuated.

After Begin's speech, Labor Party Chairman Shim'on Peres told the Knesset that the fight for security is over the State of Israel, and not Eretz Yisra'el as Begin claimed. In his speech, carried by IDF radio, Peres asserted that Israel's annexation of territories destroys any chance of peace with the Arabs and that Begin with his policies is actually ready to give up the certainty of Israel's remaining a Jewish state. He went on to accuse the Begin government of damaging Israel's image abroad. Peres outlined the Alignment's position on a peace policy: end the annexation of territories; open negotiations with Jordan, but not with the PLO; and improve overall Palestinian-Jordanian-Israeli relations based on the autonomy plan.

Lebanon

Al-Jumayyil Speeches to UN, Interview -- In a speech to the UN General Assembly on 18 October, carried live by Beirut radio, President Amin al-Jumayyil stressed that Lebanon has had enough violence and destruction and appealed for a Palestinian-Israeli joint settlement to establish a homeland for the Palestinians. He called for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon after noting that relations with Syria have been "close" and should develop in the future. Al-Jumayyil praised U.S. initiatives on Lebanon and appealed for Arab political and economic support for his country, adding that peace in Lebanon is necessary for a Middle East peace.

Later, in a speech at the UN Security Council, and read over the radio, Al-Jumayyil stressed that the UNIFIL mandate must assist the Lebanese Government in restoring peace and security to southern Lebanon. He praised the work of the multinational forces in the Beirut area. The radio noted in another report that after his speech the Security Council extended the UNIFIL mandate until 19 January 1983.

In a meeting with Arab UN delegations, Al-Jumayyil stressed that Lebanon wants no interference in its affairs from any Arab or non-Arab country, the radio disclosed.

Al-Jumayyil said in a LE MONDE interview, according to AFP, that responsibility for the Beirut massacres lay with the security forces present there at the time, adding that neither the Lebanese Army nor the state had authority there then. He estimated that the departure of all foreign forces from Lebanon would continue into 1983 and stressed that closer cooperation with Syria was possible but that this would have to be reciprocal.

Military, Security Situation -- Lebanese Army units entered Druze villages in the Ash-Shuf mountain area to take the place of the Israeli forces, but the IDF has not left the area and will remain there for a few days, Jerusalem radio reported. Later, the radio said the Lebanese Army left the area not to return until the IDF departed. The Lebanese defense minister declared that the army is entering the 'Alayh area in accordance with a set plan, Beirut radio reported. In another development, sources cited by Voice of Lebanon radio averred that Palestine Liberation Army forces took up positions near the Al-Qulay'at airfield.

According to ITIM, "tense quiet" prevails in the eastern sector following the cease-fire violations. Both the Syrians and Israelis have brought in reinforcements to Al-Biqa', the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio said.

PLO

In a speech delivered during his visit to Kuwait, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat said the PLO is faced with a "political invasion" in the region and that there are attempts to discourage the Palestinian cause, KUNA reported. He appealed to Lebanese officials to stop the mistreatment of Palestinians and stressed he would strengthen ties with Jordan after a Palestinian state is formed with Jerusalem as its capital. Later, 'Arafat arrived in Qatar on an official visit, WAKH reported.

The PLO office in Kuwait announced that PLO Executive Committee member Khalid al-Hasan will represent the PLO in the seven-member committee heading for the United States, Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio revealed.

GCC

A communique issued at the end of the GCC interior ministers meeting in Riyadh endorsed the recommendation to establish a security information center and agreed to hold further discussions before finalizing a joint security agreement, SPA reported. According to another SPA report, the Saudi interior minister explained that the ministers postponed reaching a security agreement to give some member states enough time to hold further talks.

Sudanese Military Support to Iraq

Iraqi President Saddam Husayn received the Sudanese first vice president on 18 October and was handed a message from Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri, INA reported. During the meeting, the Sudanese official declared that a Sudanese military contingent is ready to be deployed in Iraq to fight Iran.

Iran

A number of villages controlled by "counterrevolutionaries" were taken over by Iranian security forces and over 300 were killed in operations on 14 October, Tehran radio claimed citing an IRNA report.

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PROTEST RALLY HELD IN FRONT OF U.S. EMBASSY

LD181854 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Today tens of thousands of the toiling people of Kabul expressed their indignation and condemnation of the attacks and aggression of Zionism and imperialism against the heroic people of Palestine and the defenseless people of Lebanon by holding a grand march and a vast gathering.

According to the BAKHTAR correspondent, today's march and protest gathering was organized by the Central Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Trade Unions and the Central Committee of the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan in Kabul city. This action corresponded with the decision of the international conference in Vienna to observe 18 October as the day of solidarity with the people of Palestine and Lebanon. It also corresponded with the demands made by the (?political) bureau of the workers trade unions and the international federation of democratic youths (?and peace) organizations.

At first the marchers held a gathering in the (Arian) crossroads. After a speech by the acting head of the city's Central Council of Trade Unions on the criminal and inhuman actions of Israel in the Sabra and Shatila camps in West Beirut -- carried out with the help of the United States -- the marchers headed for the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. While chanting slogans, they held a meeting in front of the U.S. Embassy entrance.

[Begin recording of demonstrators chanting slogans; passage in quotation marks spoken in Pashto] Death to the aggressive Zionism of Israel! Israeli forces must leave the Arab lands! "Death to international imperialism and Israeli Zionist expansionists! Long live peace in the world! Hoisted be the banner of peace in the world! Forward toward the complete elimination of the counterrevolutionaries! [Words indistinct] victory to the workers and liberation movements in the world! Long live the solidarity of toiling Afghan people with the people of the world!" Death to the Israeli Zionism! The United States is (?responsible) for these crimes and war in the world! Death to warmongers! Death to the enemy of world toilers -- the United States! Victory is on the side of the militant Palestinian people! [end recording]

Speakers at the gathering, referring to the brazen aggression of Israel and the United States on Lebanese soil, said: Pursuing the constructive policy of the PDPA, we, the participants of today's march, vigorously condemn the shameful crimes of Zionism against the peoples of Palestine and Lebanon and send our hatred to the agents of murders and savageries and of the Zionist and imperialist aggression in Lebanon and Palestine.

At the conclusion of the gathering a resolution was issued by the participants of the march. It was read by the official in charge of international affairs in the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan.

According to the BAKHTAR reporter, the marchers carried anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist placards. Their chanted slogans against warmongers included: Long live peace all over the world! Imperialism and Zionism are the savage enemies of world peace!

Marchers Issue Statement

LD190726 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0533 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] Kabul, October 18, BAKHTAR -- Kabul city today witnessed the staging of a (?great) march and a grand meeting with the participation of tens of thousands of workers, peasants, state employees and members of social organizations who voiced their solidarity with the heroic people of Palestine and Lebanon.

During today's great manifestations the Muslim people of Afghanistan, who themselves are faced with an undeclared war and unforgivable crimes of imperialism and reaction against their free and independent country, vigorously condemned the Israeli aggression against the peace-loving peoples of Lebanon and Palestine, expressing their consistent and unshakeable revolutionary solidarity with the heroic people of Palestine and their relentless struggle against Zionism and imperialism, they demanded the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from the territory of Lebanon.

Our people know that Israeli Zionists unleashed four months ago an extensive invasion of Lebanon using army, navy and air force and relying on the huge war machine of world notorious USA under the pretext of ensuring a so-called security belt.

The recent developments and undeniable testimonies bear out the fact that just one week before this treacherous invasion the ministers of foreign affairs and defence of Israel had hurried in succession to Washington to enlist the support of American leadership for launching a large scale attack on Lebanon.

If we look back at the militarist actions of imperialism and Zionism in the Middle East as a whole it would appear that criminal acts have taken place against the embattled Arab and Palestinian people one after another.

As-Sadat signed the shameful Camp David agreement with Tel Aviv and Washington. The USA and Israel signed the treaty on strategic cooperation. Israel annexed Golan Heights of Syria. All these criminal acts paved the ground for launching a large scale attack by Israel on Lebanon and the massacre of thousands of innocent Palestinians. [passage indistinct]

This leaves no place for doubt and scepticism for the Muslim people of Afghanistan concerning the hypocritical and traitorous policy of the White House rulers who shed tears for Islam here while their hands are stained with the blood of thousands of innocent Muslim children, youth and defenceless old men of Palestine.

The indignation of all peace-loving countries of the world over Israel's cruelties and acts of aggression and invasion has become the major reason for an intensified struggle for immediate expulsion of Israel from the United Nations Organization. But as against it, the stubborn stand of the United States aimed at preserving the Israeli seat in the UN and, more shameful than that, its threatening the United Nations to cut the U.S. aid once again exposed that Zionism and imperialism are the (?avowed) enemies of the Muslim and progressive countries of the world. There will be neither a change in imperialist and Zionist policy nor the hues and cries of imperialism for the defence of Islam would reach anywhere.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation has passed another test in the course of the latest events raising the flag of the independent Palestine and gained still greater prestige in the international arena.

According to the decisions of the latest international conference held in Vienna with the participation of the world federation of trade unions and the international federation of democratic youth in support of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples decided that the 18th of October is being broadly marked all over the world as the day of solidarity with the people of Palestine. [sentence as received]

The people of Afghanistan marking this day believe that the key to the solution of the Lebanon's crisis could be sought in a comprehensive solution of the Middle East problem. Israel should withdraw immediately and without any conditions from all the occupied Arab territories and a just and durable peace should be established in the Middle East, and an independent and sovereign Palestinian state should be formed.

The people of Afghanistan consider the latest six-point programme put forward by Leonid Brezhnev as being a most rational and constructive basis for the solution of the Middle East crisis.

The Muslim people of Aghanistan once again decisively deplore the collusion of imperialism and Zionism against the heroic and militant peoples of Palestine and Lebanon and once more express their revolutionary solidarity with their just struggle. In the fight between the right and wrong the victory is always with the right.

KARMAL ADDRESSES NATION ON FOOD SHORTAGES

LD162108 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 15 Oct 82

[Statement by Revolutionary Council Chairman Babrak Karmal on International Food Day, 15 October -- read by announcer]

[Excerpts] Dear courageous and Muslim compatriots of revolutionary Afghanistan, toiling peasants of the homeland, noble workers of the agriculture and land reform sectors, dear comrades and friends:

I have the pleasure to speak a few words in the presence of the noble people of our beloved Afghanistan and the world public on behalf of the PDPA Central Committee, Revolutionary Council and the DRA Council of Ministers to mark International Food Day, in which most countries of the world have taken active part. I announce the celebration of this auspicious and humane day for tomorrow, 16 October 1982, nationwide in the DRA in the hope for the production of sufficient food for each person and for the elimination of malnutrition, hunger and poverty.

The noble people of our beloved country are facing a shortage of food and malnutrition as a result of the exploiting and colonial policy of the imperialist world, and the reactionary and antipeople policy of the former dependent regimes. Each year the region imports 150,000-200,000 tons of wheat; 30,000 tons of rice; 17,000 tons of vegetable oil; 70,000 tons of sugar and thousands of tons of dairy products, such as milk and protein substances, from abroad in return for massive foreign currency. If great attention is not paid to this soon, this figure will get larger and larger and will be beyond the country's control.

The broad plan for mechanization of agriculture is being implemented. It will increase agricultural products. With the fraternal and friendly assistance of the USSR, mechanization stations have been created and are being created in various regions of our country.

During this year's autumn and spring campaigns, 3,825 million hectares have been sown in grains, industrial plants, fruits and vegetables. Last year an area of 3,805 million hectares was sown. This is a .5 percent increase.

In conclusion, I sincerely congratulate all compatriots and toiling people of the world on the (?occasion) of International Food Day. I hope for further successes of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the peaceful countries of the world for complete elimination of hunger, famine, malnutrition and [word indistinct].

BRIEFS

MINISTER RECEIVES SOVIET DELEGATION -- Minister of Public Works Nazar Mohammad met today in his office with scholars and experts from the USSR Academy of Science who have come to Kabul under the cooperation program between the Afghanistan Academy of Science and the USSR Academy of Science for compiling and coordinating the research and scientific program of the natural science center. During this meeting, discussions were held and views were exchanged on cooperation between the Tajikistan Institute of Science and the Institute of Urban and Construction Projects of the Ministry of Public Works about the effects of earthquakes on the [word indistinct] buildings. Accompanied by the head of the Urban and Construction Projects Institute of the Ministry of Public Works the delegation later visited the various sections of the institute and spoke to its staff. [Text] [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 16 Oct 82 LD]

HAQ TO MEET WITH GANDHI ON 1 NOV STOPOVER

BK181255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] President Ziaul Haq of Pakistan will be in New Delhi on 1 November for a few hours while on his way to some Southeast Asian countries. During the brief stopover he will have talks with the prime minister. Mrs Gandhi will also host a lunch in his honor.

Announcing this in New Delhi today the official spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said the two governments are in touch with each other to work out the details of General Zia's engagements in the capital. He emphasized that the fact that General Zia is making a stopover in Delhi is a sign of high degree of normalization in Indo-Pakistan relations.

GANDHI, SRV'S MAI CHI THO DISCUSS TIES

BK190307 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] The prime minister has expressed great admiration for the people of Vietnam in their struggle for liberation and the economic reconstruction. Mrs Gandhi conveyed these feelings when the visiting chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, Mai Chi Tho, called on her in New Delhi yesterday. She also spoke highly of friendly ties between India and Vietnam.

Mai Chi Tho appreciated India's role and the political support it lent during the liberation struggle of Vietnam. He conveyed the greetings from the prime minister of Vietnam, Pham Van Dong, to Mrs Gandhi.

ONE PERSON KILLED IN AMRITSAR POLICE SHOOTING

BK181246 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] In Amritsar, police had to open fire today to control a violent mob of Akali volunteers. An official spokesman told the All-India Radio Chandigarh correspondent that one person is reported to have been killed in the firing. He said that one jeep and two buses were burned and a number of shops were looted by the mob. One deputy superintendent of police and a magistrate on duty received serious sword injuries. The spokesman however said that the situation in Amritsar is now fully under control.

SHOOT-ON-SIGHT ORDER ISSUED IN AMRITSAR

BK190703 Hong Kong AFP in English 0657 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Oct. 19 (AFP) -- A shoot at sight order was issued today by the authorities in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar in the troubled Punjab state against "miscreants indulging in acts of violence including arson," Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

22,000 'AGITATORS' RELEASED FROM JAIL SO FAR

BK190900 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] The situation in Amritsar continues to be fully under control. Punjab Chief Minister Darbara Singh told our Chandigarh correspondent a short while ago that no untoward incident has been reported since last evening. He said nobody will be allowed to take the law into his own hands. Life and property of the people will be protected at all costs.

Meanwhile, about 4,000 more Akali agitators have vacated jails since this morning. This brings the total number of agitators who have vacated the jails so far to 22,000.

COVERAGE OF ZIAUL HAQ'S VISIT TO PRC

For Beijing coverage of President Ziaul Haq's visit to China beginning 17 October, including meetings with Premier Zhao Ziyang and General Secretary Hu Yaobang, see the South Asia section of the 18 October China DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

AFP: BODY OF AFGHAN PILOT TO BE RETURNED

OW181844 Hong Kong AFP in English 1808 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Islamabad, Oct. 18 (AFP) — Pakistani authorities will return the body of an Afghan pilot who died when his MiG-17 aircraft crashed near the Pakistan border town of Chaman today, official sources said.

The aircraft crash-landed about 500 yards south of Chaman railway station in Baluchistan Province bordering Afghanistan, turned over and caught fire, the Defence Ministry sources said.

Authorities did not disclose the name of the pilot, who they said was "probably a defector".

Local media reports said the pilot had tried to eject from the plane at low altitude after circling the Chaman railway station for about 15 minutes.

Official sources said the aircraft could not have landed at Quetta's Samanguli Airport because of bad weather.

Radio Kabul, monitored here, maintained complete silence on the incident.

It was the first time that an Afghan aircraft crashed inside Pakistani territory. Afghan Air Force planes in the past made incursions into Pakistani territory and managed to return safely despite Pakistani ground artillery.

The official Associated Press of Pakistan (AFP) reported that the government would hand over the body of the pilot to the Afghan consul general in Baluchistan's capital, Quetta.

Last year, on April 27, as the regime of President Babrak Karmal was celebrating second anniversary of the Marxist revolution in Afghanistan, a Soviet-built MI-24 gunship helicopter was forcibly flown to Quetta, and the pilot was given asylum in Pakistan.

That incident followed another in which an Afghan Army tank was driven to a border village by an army deserted who surrendered to Pakistani authorities along with his tank, seeking asylum.

However, during the regime of the first Marxist ruler, Nur Mohammad Taraki, Pakistani authorities returned a Soviet-built MiG-17 to Kabul after it landed at Kohat Airport in the North West Frontier Province in 1978 and convinced the pilot to return to Afghanistan.

Relations between the two countries soured after the Soviet military intervention in December 1979 which installed pro-Moscow ruler Babrak Karmal in Afghanistan.

VELAYATI MEETS DPRK SUPREME ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN

LD182344 Tehran IRNA in English 2007 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 18, IRNA -- Relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the stances of the two countries on various international issues including the Non-aligned Movement, were discussed in a meeting with visiting DPRK's chairman of the Supreme Assembly, Hwang Chang-yop, with Iranian foreign affairs minister, 'Ali Akbar Velayati, here this morning.

During the meeting, which was attended by the Iranian ambassador to the DPRK, Zanganeh, Foreign Ministry officials, and members of the DPRK's delegation, both parties stressed importance of unity among true Non-aligned Movement members and its vigorous and continuous campaign against U.S. imperialism.

The principle of "Neither West nor East" should be taken as the first and most important principle of the movement, the two sides emphasised.

The visiting delegation considered change in the venue of the non-aligned summit conference from Baghdad to New Delhi a political gain for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Chairman Hwang Chang invited the Iranian foreign minister to pay a visit to the DPRK and also requested him to oppose holding of the forthcoming conference of the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU) in Seoul, South Korea.

In reply, Velayati expressed hope that he would be able to travel to the DPRK in the near future. As for the upcoming IPU conference in Seoul, he said that in the recently held conferences in Rome the Islamic Republic representative expressed opposition to holding of the conference in Seoul.

The DPRK delegation arrived here on Saturday night on the invitation of Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani. The delegation headed by that country's chairman of the Supreme Assembly has so far held talks with several top ranking Iranian officials.

As part of the talks with the Iranian officials, the DPRK's minister of foreign trade, Choe Choung-kun, met and conferred with Foreign Ministry undersecretary for international and economic affairs, Hoseyn Kazempur Ardabili, here this morning. Issues related to economic ties between the two countries were discussed.

RAFSANJANI HOSTS RECEPTION FOR DPRK DELEGATION

LD182332 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] A dinner reception was arranged by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, in honor of the arrival of a DPRK political-economic delegation. Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani gave a speech in which he referred to the threats and pressures exerted by American imperialism upon the International Atomic Energy Agency [IAEA]. He said: [read by announcer]

When Israel was expelled from the International Atomic Energy Agency, America threatened that it would halt her contributions to this organization. This is a great insult toward the people of the world. With this threat America wishes to impose its views upon the world. However, we, in order to prevent the pressure of American imperialism upon the views of IAEA members, are prepared to cooperate with any other country and pay the equivalent of America's contribution to this organization.

Addressing his Korean counterpart, the Majlis speaker added: We propose to the Korean people, who are an anti-imperialist nation, to cooperate with us in this issue, which constitutes an anti-American struggle.

Then, referring to the threats uttered by America against the United Nations in support of Israel, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: Imperialism and the superpowers regard themselves as the guardians of the people of the world. We, the free and independent countries, should attack the superpowers throughout the world and harm them.

At the end of his speech, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly added: We have proved that countries can carry out their wishes even though they are engaged in a struggle against America. We should start a serious struggle against imperialism in the international arena.

Mr Hwang Chang-yop, chairman of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, in a reply speech said: The Iranian nation is the representative of the nations fighting against America. In our analysis we regard the Iranian people as our cofighters. He called America the major obstacle in the path of the advancement of humanity, and added: We regard it as our duty to fight against the colonialists who threaten the independence of various countries. There exists a common goal for the two countries in this respect.

IRAN PREPARED TO PAY U.S. SHARE OF IAEA BUDGET

LD181044 Tehran IRNA in English 0935 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 18 (IRNA) -- Iran is ready to pay the sum equal to what is paid by the United States as its share to the International Atomic Energy Agency in order to prevent the U.S. imperialism on the rights of the votes of the agency members, declared by Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani Sunday night. [sentence as received]

Rafsanjani was speaking at the Hotel Esteqlal in a reception given in honour of chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea [DPRK] Hwang Chang-yop who arrived here on Saturday for an official visit.

The United States three weeks ago withdrew from the U.S. affiliated International Energy Agency conference following the conference's vote to deny Zionist regime's credentials.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz last week also said the United States will withdraw its delegation from the U.N.-affiliated international telecommunication conference in Nairobi, Kenya, and suspend further payments to it if a plan to exclude the occupying regime of Jerusalem succeeds.

Rafsanjani said: "It is a great insult to the people of the world." He said the U.S. share to the agency is amounted to eight million dollars and declared that Iran would shoulder this responsibility in order to prevent the U.S. imperialist for the imposition of its vote upon the world.

Majlis speaker said that the Iranian Majlis deputies today signed a letter of intention in which they have declared that Iran with the cooperation of other countries is ready to shoulder such responsibility so that the U.S. may not impose its policy upon the world.

Addressing the Korean guest, he said that the people of DPRK are against the imperialism and proposed that the two countries should cooperate with each other in their anti-U.S. struggle.

He said that we have to counter the coercion of the superpowers and added: "A success is a must if we take the issues in serious manner under the framework of the movement of the non-aligned countries."

Referring to the U.S. threat on the issues of the United Nations, Rafsanjani said that the imperialist and superpowers consider themselves that they are the guardians of the people of the world and pointed out that if the movement of the non-aligned countries takes these issues seriously, the superpowers have to surrender before the will of the world people.

He said that it was proved at times that the U.S. imperialism can do nothing before the will of the combatants adding that the events such as U.S. defeat in Vietnam, confiscation of U.S. ship by the DPRK, and seizure of the spying centre in Iran are enough to prove the strong will of the combatants wins finally.

During his speech Chang-yop said that he was very impressed to see the achievements through the Islamic revolution and added that Iran is serious in its struggle against the U.S. imperialism.

He said that the U.S. is the main hurdle in the way of the progress of the human being and reminded that it is the U.S. who hatched the plots against the Islamic revolution, Muslims in Lebanon and unification plan of the two Koreas.

FRG ARCHAEOLOGISTS ASKED TO LEAVE COUNTRY

GF181658 Tehran IRNA in English 1525 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct 18, IRNA -- The Ministry of Culture and Higher Education in a letter sent yesterday to the archaeological institute of the Federal Republic of Germany here, asked the institute to stop its activities in Iran and take necessary measures to take out its members from Iran.

The letter was in line of existing relations of the Islamic Republic and the FRG. During the past three months, relations between the two countries have deteriorated rapidly following the arrest and deporting of tens of Iranian Muslim students by the FRG police. The Goethe Institute here was also told last September that its German staff could no longer manage the institute and it would come under the administration of the Ershad-e Eslami Ministry.

The letter said that it seemed necessary to review the cultural relations between the two countries after the developments which have taken place recently concerning Iranian Muslim students in the FRG.

OFFICIALS ATTEND ASHRAFI-ESFAHANI FUNERAL

LD190236 Tehran IRNA in English 1058 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Esfahan Oct (?18) IRNA -- Body of the late Ayatollah Ashrafi-Esfahani, the Friday prayers leader of the city of Bakhtaran and the special representative of Imam Khomeyni to [word indistinct] Province, western Iran, was buried here in a special ceremony.

The funeral ceremony was attended by Imam Khomeyni's representatives, representative of Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri and a number of Cabinet ministers and high ranking officials.

Speaking to the huge crowd of mourners, the interior minister, 'Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri, praised the service of the late ayatollah and said that this martyrdom was neither the first such experience for the Iranian people who have firmly stood against world oppression, and nor would it be the last.

Ever since the day people of Iran decided to take its destiny into its own hands and not allow Kremlin nor the White House to interfere in its affairs, it has prepared itself to undergo any hardship and difficulty, he added.

(?The U.S.) should realise that under the most difficult conditions, the Iranian people would preserve their dignity and now that the Islamic Republic was established, the final victory was near, Nateq-Nuri stressed.

KHOMEYNI RECEIVES ENGINEERS, VELAYATI, OTHERS

LD182246 Tehran IRNA in English 2018 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 18, IRNA -- The leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, today praised the efforts of Iranian Air Force technicians and engineers for upholding the (?integrity) of the Iranian Air Force independent of foreign assistance.

The following is a translation of the text of the imam's speech which he delivered to a group of visiting aviation engineers, and members of the Advisory Council of his own bureau in Tehran.

"In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful.

"You deserve commendations and appreciation for the efforts you have exerted for accomplishing great feats and for operating complex equipment and machinery. Self-confidence and trust in one's faculties ranks second only to trust in God as a factor assuring all manner of blessings. Once they (foreign powers) leave our nation to itself the people will rectify everything. The principal task is the task of finding one's [word indistinct] proper place, whereas during the past regime we had been alienated from ourselves.

"They (foreigners) would do as they wished, and they had inculcated into our minds that we were incapable of doing things ourselves. Our learned men were abased by them. Such was our status in the past, while our people would often ask themselves 'for whom should we work? We are all too dependent'.

"The [word indistinct] catastrophe was that our youth had to work upon the direction of foreign advisors, who would pocket the benefit of their toiling.

"Naturally at that time any person who wanted to be an independent person would be humiliated and feel discontented and depressed. But now that, thanks be to God, our society has purged itself from the wretchedness of their very existence, you [word indistinct] our beloved youth, as well as our people have proved capable of accomplishing tasks and surmounting obstacles.

"I hope we will shortly reach the point of self-sufficiency, and I will continue to pray for you. Vassalam."

In another meeting here today, Imam Khomeyni received relatives of martyrs from the cities of [words indistinct], Ezna, and Faridan, along with a group of homecoming Iranian students who were earlier detained in the West German prisons. In a third meeting the imam received the Iranian foreign minister, 'Ali Akbar Velayati, along with the Iranian ambassador to Lebanon, Fakr Rohani, and in a fourth meeting he received member of the Council of Guardians Ayatollah Jannati.

CABINET, COUNCIL APPROVE BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 13, IRNA -- The Cabinet and the Economic Council held a joint meeting Tuesday evening chaired by Prime Minister Musavi. During this meeting a supplement to the current budget was proposed with some changes:

-- Some 155 billion rials were allocated for the special credit account set up to finance the Iraqi imposed war and the reconstruction of war stricken regions.
-- Considering the fast rate of progress in the development projects, some 210 billion rials were allocated to increase previous credits.
-- To satisfy the current expenditures of the government offices some 103 billion rials were allocated.
-- Some 25 billion rials were allocated in order to increase credit given for the construction of 800 megawatt powerplants in Esfahan, Bandar 'Abbas, Ramin, Zargan, and Tabriz and for the construction of powerlines in the southern part of the country's electricity network and for other production plans and energy distribution projects.

-- In order to construct village roads and also to complete roads currently under construction and the completion of three ports in Chahbahar, some 20 billion rials were allocated.
-- Some 1.5 billion rials were allocated to complete projects in the Moghan agro-industry company and to reopen a sugar-cube factory.
-- To complete water and distribution projects for agriculture activities some 3.3 billion rials were allocated.
-- To complete the construction of government offices some 26 billion rials were allocated.
-- To complete educational plans for universities and for the Education Ministry, some 3.4 billion rials were allocated.
-- To complete health projects in the country some 2.1 billion rials were allocated.
-- To complete communications projects in the country some 8.8 billion rials were allocated.
-- Some 15 billion rials were allocated to complete plans carried out by the reconstruction jihad.
-- To complete plans for the sugar-cube factory in Dezful, the Baft-e Baluch textile factory in Sistan va Baluchestan Province, the tractor factory in Tabriz, and the defence industry, some 5.8 billion rials were allocated for the industry expansion and renovation organisation.
-- To complete oil exploration, exploitation, and refining projects, some 15.9 billion rials were allocated.
-- To complete plans for refining and distributing natural gas, some 10 billion rials were allocated.
-- Some 5 billion rials were allocated to the Imam Khomeyni relief committee for it to be able to increase its activities.
-- Some 10 billion rials were allocated for the planning committees of the provinces.
-- Some 3 billion rials were allocated to create jobs in the agricultural field, and
-- It was approved that 50 percent of the earnings made by the research organisations would be allocated in order to increase research facilities.

MAJLIS APPROVES BILL ON MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

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[Excerpt] Tehran, Oct. 12 (IRNA) -- In the open session of the Majlis this morning the general outline of a bill for formation of the Ministry of Information was approved.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,083

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[Communique No 1,083 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The conditions on the fronts of the imposed war and the heroic deeds of the Islamic Republic of Iran Armed Forces' brave personnel are brought to the attention of the Muslim and grateful umma' of Iran:

During the past 24 hours, exchanges of fire continued on most of the western fronts, the intensity of which was greater in the (Mianchan) sector. On these fronts, the combatants of Islam strengthened their defensive positions and brought the Saddamist positions under heavy artillery fire, silenced their artillery and heavy weapons fire, killed or injured a number of Saddamist mercenaries and destroyed three vehicles and three antiaircraft guns. They also prevented the enemy's logistic activities and position fortifications.

On the Marivan front, the artillery fire of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ground Forces destroyed several Iraqi slit trenches and foxholes together with their crews in the Panjwin sector in Iraq.

On the southern fronts, exchanges of fire continued between the victorious forces of Islam and the aggressive Ba'thist forces of Iraq.

On the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, there were exchanges of fire. The return fire of the combatants of Islam on the Saddamists' positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud destroyed several light and heavy weapons bunkers and killed a number of enemy personnel. The criminal Saddamist mercenaries yesterday once again brought residential areas of Abadan under long-range artillery fire, injuring three dear compatriots and wrecking three houses.

Iraqi air aggressions against southern and western border towns yesterday were repelled with tactical measures by fighter planes of the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force and by antiaircraft fire. The aggressive Iraqi planes fled before committing any criminal action.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

GUARDS COMMANDER DISCUSSES 'PURGING OPERATIONS'

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[Text] Urumiyeh, Oct 18, IRNA -- The commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps [IRGC], Mohsen Reza'i, arrived here this afternoon to supervise the current large-scale purging operations taking place in the region.

Speaking to IRNA here, Reza'i said that the decision to carry out the present efforts against the counterrevolutionary forces was made after the Islamic forces had given up hope in thinking that they would lay down their arms and join the people and Islam. "But because they had not surrendered, due to the great pressures from the U.S. and Israel, we began the purging operations in the most sensitive regions inspite of the (Iraqi) imposed war and praise be to God, the Islamic forces have purged a considerable area of the foul existence of the counterrevolutionaries in a short period of time with their power of faith," he said. The commander of the IRGC added that several military training camps of fugitive groups including monafeqin [hypocrites] (MKO) [Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization] had been destroyed and the Islamic forces had taken control of the strategic heights of the area.

After the purging operation had been completed in every area, Reza'i said, construction and development activities would start immediately.

He then said that the counterrevolutionary groups no longer had any base among the people and with the current operations, "we will soon root out the counterrevolutionaries."

OPERATIONS AGAINST REBELS IN WEST REPORTED

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[Text] With the speedy advancement of the united and powerful forces of Islam on the Piranshah-Sar Dasht axis, which is being coordinated by the Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada base, the counterrevolution and the illegally armed minigroups are nearing complete destruction and their counterrevolutionary organization is about to be smashed.

According to the Central News Unit and IRNA, the joint commanders of the Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada base announced this, saying with the expansion of mopping-up operations carried out during the past few days by the combatants of Islam in different parts of West Azarbayjan and Kordestan, heavy blows were dealt the counterrevolutionaries.

One of the more important of these blows was the fall of the strategic forests of (Alwatan) on the Piranshah-Sar Dasht axis situated on the Iran-Iraq border. Because of their special geographical location, these forests were the command base of the counter-revolutionaries and one of the most important and sensitive of the bases of the defunct Democratic Party and were considered the backbone of the counterrevolution in the Kurd-inhabited areas.

According to the same report, these operations inflicted heavy casualties and damages on the counterrevolutionaries and enemy forces. A report from the joint command of the Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada base indicates that during the past few days in an offensive the joint bases used by the counterrevolutionaries, including the hyprocrites, and other counterrevolutionaries in the [name indistinct] region were purged and in these operations 50 of the members of the mercenary minigroups were killed and several others were wounded or captured.

In the Saqqez region, the village of (Farjan), one of the command bases of the Komeleh was smashed and the bodies of 30 leaders of this minigroup remain. [as heard] In the Mahabad region, the important (Khalifeh) heights were seized by the combatants of Islam and the road between (Pasveh) and Mahabad is under the control of the Islamic forces.

300 'Counterrevolutionaries' Killed

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[Text] During coordinated and successful operations, the fighters of Islam on the Miando'ab-Bukan-Mahabad axis mopped up 14 villages, together with the strategic (Hafseh), (Hesari), (Baft), (Sheykh Mahmud) and (Qeshlaqlu) heights.

According to an IRNA report, quoting the joint command of Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada base, these operations, carried out on 14 October, resulted in more than 100 counterrevolutionaries being killed, a number of them being wounded and 15 of them being arrested.

According to the same report, by occupying (Albatan) forest on the Piranshah-Sar Dasht axis, four more villages came under the control of the forces of Islam. In these operations, more than 200 illegal, armed counterrevolutionary assailants were killed and one 0.50-caliber machinegun, 3 light weapons and two vehicles were captured by the forces of Islam.

CLANDESTINE REPORTS YAZDI, FORUHAR FLEE COUNTRY

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[Text] According to our correspondent, the escape of two more of the first degree criminals of Khomeyni's revolution last week added to the number of those escaping from Iran.

One of the two escapees was Ebrahim Yazdi, the U.S. spy and murderer of dozens of generals and Iranian notables and scientists. He escaped to Pakistan and went to Paris from there.

The second was Darush Foruhar, a member of the National Front and the founder of the armed ruffians known as black shirts, who escaped to Turkey and is still there.

Following the recent strong propaganda attacks by the officials of the regime against the remainder of the members of the National Front and the freedom movement, these gentlemen decided to forgo their self-constructed revolution and save their necks.

The only one who seems to still be in Tehran is engineer Mehdi Bazargan, who, according to our information, has not yet been able to escape from the country.

Other reports coming out of Tehran indicate considerable agitation in the bazaar and economic centers. It is said the nationalist struggling forces have warned bazaar merchants to remove the ugly photographs of Khomeyni from their shops or face the consequences of operating under the shadow of the "imam of the umma'."

The officials of SAVAMA and the guards on the other hand have Tehran's bazaar under constant surveillance to find a shop operating without a photograph of Khomeyni, close it down and jail its proprietor. However, the distribution of numerous antiregime pamphlets in the bazaar and [words indistinct] of bazaar merchants for the antiregime struggle has brought the bazaar to the verge of important changes.

We also had a report that the bakers guild held a brief strike last week. It is possible that the strike will be repeated in the near future in a more organized and effective form. Should this strike be repeated, it will be a mortal blow to the usurping regime of Khomeyni's Islamic Republic.

SUPREME COURT DISSOLVED, REPLACED 16 OCTOBER

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[Excerpt] According to the Central News Unit, the Supreme Court of the country has been dissolved and a new Supreme Court started work from today in accordance with a law passed by the Islamic Consultative Assembly.

According to the same report, the Supreme Judicial Council dissolved the branches of the country's Supreme Court to prepare for the new system proposed by the Justice Ministry and began the third stage of Islamization of the country's judicial system by appointing qualified heads and advisers for the 16 new branches of the Supreme Court, by introducing the necessary bills and by purging unqualified judges.

During an introductory session at 0900 this morning, which was held in the presence of the country's prosecutor general, the president of the Supreme Court, several members of the Supreme Judicial Council, the justice minister, the head of the administrative justice court and the state inspector general, the heads of and advisers to the 16 new branches of the Supreme Court, who were appointed after the necessary consultations and investigations, were presented as follows.

First branch, Mr Musavi-Ardabili; 2d branch, Mr Abolfazl Mir-Mohammadi; 3d branch, Mr Ja'far Ra'isian; 4th branch, Mr Rafi' Naseri; 5th branch, Mr Hasan Fateri; 6th branch, Mr Mostafa (Navid); 7th branch, Mr 'Ali Hashemi; 8th branch, Mr Mohammad Haqqi; 9th branch, Mr Samsami-Mohajer; 10th branch, Mr Hosyen Abtahi; 11th branch, Mr Mohammad Feyz-Sarabi; 12th branch, Mr Mohammad (Imani); 13th branch, Mr Mahmud Fahimi; 14th branch, Mr Reza Hoseyni-Harandi; 15th branch, Mr 'Abdolbaqi Mo'tazed-Monajjemi; 16th branch, Mr Hasan Shari'ati.

The heads of the other four branches of the Supreme Court will be appointed later.